

BOSTON LIGHT

Little Brewster Island, Massachusetts Bay, Boston

The southeastern tip of Little Brewster Island in Massachusetts Bay is the site of North America's first lighthouse. Built in 1716 by the Province of Massachusetts Bay, it was destroyed in 1776 by British forces evacuating Boston. The present 89-foot stone and brick tower, completed in 1783 by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, incorporates parts of the original. Seven years later it was ceded to the federal government. The light is accessible from downtown Boston by boat, and visitors are welcome, but only during daylight hours.